

**STATEMENTS & LETTERS OF SUPPORT
FOR BUDGET**

CONSERVATIVE GROUPS

Conservative Groups Urge Passage of Budget Resolution As First Step in Passing Tax Reform

September 28, 2017

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write in support of efforts to pass comprehensive, pro-growth tax reform in 2017.

In following with regular order, the first step toward achieving this goal must be passage of a budget resolution with reconciliation instructions that unlock tax reform.

Given the opposition from most Senate Democrats to the tax reform plan, the only realistic way that it can be passed into law is through budget reconciliation that prevents a Senate filibuster. Republicans have long promised that if they were given control of the White House and Congress they would pass pro-growth tax reform into law. In the remaining months of 2017, you and your colleagues have the chance to keep this promise.

We look forward to working with President Trump and the “Big Six” negotiators in the House, Senate, and the Administration to pass tax reform that is pro-growth and pro-taxpayer. We strongly support efforts to simplify the code so that it is fairer for families and individuals, while also encouraging the economy to grow, leading to the creation of more jobs and higher wages. However, until Congress passes a budget resolution, tax writers will be unable to move forward through a regular order process as conservatives expect. As a result, it is crucial that a budget resolution is swiftly passed so that tax reform efforts can move forward.

Sincerely,
Americans for Tax Reform
National Taxpayers Union
Americans for Prosperity
FreedomWorks
Faith & Freedom Coalition
Family Business Coalition
Council for Citizens Against Government Waste
American Commitment
Club for Growth
Taxpayers Protection Alliance
Freedom Partners
Chamber of Commerce
American Legislative Exchange Council



October 2, 2017

National Taxpayers Union Vote Alert

NTU urges all Representatives to vote “YES” on H. Con. Res. 71, the fiscal year 2018 budget resolution. Although this resolution contains several significant flaws, its passage is critical, primarily for addressing the nation’s highest fiscal priority – fixing our broken tax code.

For the first time in decades, Congress and the President are working together toward the enactment of pro-growth tax reform that simplifies the code, reduces administrative burdens, and provides financial relief to families of all economic backgrounds. Getting tax reform done will require usage of the reconciliation process, which can only be initiated if the House and Senate pass a unified budget. The importance of doing so cannot be overstated.

Nonetheless, the House budget sends taxpayers mixed messages when it comes to fiscal discipline. The resolution achieves balance over a ten-year window, which would be an encouraging development. On the other hand, it unwisely pegs defense spending at \$622 billion; far exceeding the \$549 billion cap established by the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA). Exceeding the cap would necessitate a budget sequester, unless Congress opts to pass legislation eviscerating the BCA, which has been the most effective tool for trimming discretionary spending in years. Either way, taxpayers would be shortchanged by a lack of fiscal restraint on the part of Congress.

The budget also proposes spending \$87 billion on the Global War on Terror fund, previously known as the Overseas Contingency Operations account. This has been repeatedly used as a slush fund that has allowed Congress to circumvent budget caps. Lawmakers should not tolerate the ongoing misuse of this fund, which should be used only for true emergencies.

To its credit, H. Con. Res. 71 contains some encouraging provisions that could help achieve much-needed savings. For instance, it includes reconciliation instructions calling for a total of \$203 billion in spending cuts across a wide variety of programs and seeks a \$700 billion reduction in improper payments. These are bold attempts to rein in the fiscal profligacy that has helped contribute to our \$20 trillion debt.

NTU hopes lawmakers will address a number of concerning provisions through the legislative process. Still, the budget must be evaluated in a broader context. Congress has a rare opportunity

to enact historic tax reform that could reinvigorate the economy and improve the standard of living for Americans from all walks of life. If fundamental tax reform is going to become a reality, passage of this budget is imperative.

Roll call votes on H. Con. Res. 71 will be included in our annual Rating of Congress and a “YES” vote will be considered the protaxpayer position.

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September 27th, 2017

Norquist: GOP Tax Cut Plan Will Turbo-charge the Economy

Today President Donald Trump and the Republican congress will unveil a dramatic, pro-growth tax reform plan that will allow most Americans to file their taxes on a postcard.

“The Republican tax reform plan will turbo-charge the economy, create millions of new jobs and make America the best place in the world to invest, build and create,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform

Once the plan is released, it is imperative that congress move forward quickly to get tax reform passed this year.

Norquist said: "The first step toward passing this tax reform plan is for congress to pass a budget resolution that unlocks reform."

Check back to **www.ATR.org** for updates as the day goes on.

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September 27th, 2017

CLUB FOR GROWTH'S STATEMENT ON BIG SIX'S TAX REFORM BLUEPRINT

Contact: Rachael Slobodien

Washington, DC – Today, Club for Growth President David McIntosh offered the following statement in reaction to the Big Six's tax reform proposal:

“Club for Growth is very encouraged and pleased with the long-awaited tax reform outline that the Big Six released today,” stated David McIntosh.

“Fundamental tax reform comes around only once in a generation, and this is our chance. The outline is both aggressive and very pro-growth with its rate reductions. Club for Growth congratulates the members of the Big Six for their hard work and will continue to support the pro-growth efforts of the Trump administration and Congress as they seek to make tax reform a reality. To this end, the Club will also work with Congress to pass a budget in order to get reconciliation tax instructions.”

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September 27th, 2017

Big Six Framework Represents a Transformation of America's Tax Code

FreedomWorks President Adam Brandon made the following comments after the announcement of the framework for fundamental tax reform:

“Americans are fed up with the rigged economy. They see a current tax code that benefits politically connected special interests. The framework released today represents a transformation of America's tax code and would help the middle class. It simplifies a complex system that taxpayers spend billions annually to comply with and will spur economic growth, allowing American businesses to increase wages and create more jobs.

“It's time for the House and Senate to begin this effort by passing a budget resolution that allows committees to get to work on crafting legislation that reflects this pro-growth framework. There is no reason to wait any longer. We're confident that the House and Senate have enough to get started. This is a generational moment. We need a tax code that promotes economic growth, fairness, and opportunity for all. We absolutely must get this done, and we must get it done this year.”

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September 27, 2017

Dear Members of Congress:

On behalf of more than 3.2 million Americans for Prosperity activists in across all 50 states, we're encouraged to see the "Big 6" negotiators produce a tax plan framework that provides a principled approach to fixing the tax code.

We're encouraged to see the plan include reduce the burden of tax compliance and allow everyday Americans to keep more of their hard-earned income. Highlights in the package include: bringing down rates on the business and corporate side; increasing the standard deduction; reducing the number of tax brackets; eliminating most special interest loopholes, carve outs, tax preferences; reducing and simplifying taxes on investment; and eliminating harmful provisions like the AMT and death tax.

The next important step toward turning these important policy details into legislative text — and ultimately into law — is passing a budget resolution that includes reconciliation instructions for tax reform. We encourage you to do so.

Over the past several months and for the rest of the year, Americans for Prosperity plans to engage in multimillion dollar grassroots engagement campaign to support overhauling the tax code. Our organization held over 60 grassroots events across our 36 state chapters during the month of August. We partnered with members of the local community, members of Congress, administration officials, and policy experts in discussing the importance of achieving bold, progrowth tax reform this year.

We look forward to continuing to work with you toward the shared goals of putting the nation's finances back on the path to balance and fixing the tax code in a way that improves the lives of American families and businesses across the country. Conservatives in Washington should not miss this once-in-a-generation opportunity to pass tax reform.

Sincerely,

Chrissy Harbin
Vice President of External Affairs
Americans for Prosperity

Americans for Prosperity (AFP) exists to recruit, educate, and mobilize citizens in support of the policies and goals of a free society at the local, state, and federal level, helping every American live their dream – especially the least fortunate. AFP has more than 3.2 million activists across the nation, a local infrastructure that includes 36 state chapters, and has received financial support from more than 100,000 Americans in all 50 states. For more information, visit www.AmericansForProsperity.org

INDUSTRY GROUPS

September 28, 2017

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS:

We urge Congress to expeditiously pass a budget resolution with reconciliation instructions so that the promise of tax reform can be made a reality.

It has been 31 years since Congress last reformed the tax code. Since then, the code has become an anchor weighing down the economy, job creation, and wage growth for American families. This Congress has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to fix the problem. Over the past several years, tremendous work has been done to prepare for this moment. In the 113th Congress the Ways and Means Committee conducted a comprehensive look at tax reform. Last year House Republicans released a Blueprint for reform. During the last Congress, the Senate Finance Committee convened bi-partisan working groups that tackled all the major aspects of reform. President Trump has outlined his goals for reform, and the “Group of Six” – consisting of members from the House, Senate, and Administration – has presented a framework to guide the drafting and markup of legislation in the Ways and Means and Finance Committees.

While much work remains to be done, we believe Congress is well-positioned to move forward with comprehensive, pro-growth tax reform.

The single-most important next step is for Congress to adopt a budget resolution with reconciliation instructions that will permit tax reform to move forward without the threat of a filibuster.

Just like Members of Congress, each of our organizations will continue to advocate for specific priorities within tax reform as the relevant committees and ultimately the full House and Senate consider tax reform legislation.

But failing to pass a budget resolution now may mean that tax reform never moves forward. That outcome is unacceptable to all of us and ought to be unacceptable to every Member of Congress who has advocated for reform.

Sincerely,

Aerospace Industries Association
African American Chamber of Commerce of
New Jersey
Air Conditioning Contractors of America
(ACCA)
Alabama Retail Association
Alaska Chamber
Allen Fairview Chamber of Commerce (TX)
Alliance for Competitive Taxation (ACT)
American Bakers Association

American Bankers Association
American Council of Engineering
American Exploration & Production Council
American Farm Bureau Federation®
American Forest & Paper Association
American Foundry Society
American Gas Association
American Hotel & Lodging Association
American International Automobile Dealers
Association

American Iron and Steel Institute
American Made Coalition
American Petroleum Institute (API)
American Supply Association
Americans for Tax Reform
Ames Chamber of Commerce (IA)
Argentum
Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Asian American Hotel Owners Association
Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association
Associated Builders and Contractors
Associated Equipment Distributors
Associated General Contractors of America
Associated Wire Rope Fabricators
Association for Hose and Accessories Distribution (NAHAD)
Association of American Railroads
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Association of Washington Business
Auto Care Association
Baton Rouge Area Chamber (LA)
Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce (MI)
Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce (FL)
Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce (MN)
Bristol County Chamber of Commerce (MA)
Buckeye Valley Chamber (AZ)
Buffalo Niagara Partnership (NY)
Business Council of Alabama
Business Council of New York State
Business Roundtable
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance (IA)
Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association (CTIA)
Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce
Chambers of Commerce Alliance of Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties (CA)
Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry (PA)
Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce (ID)

Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry
Colorado Retail Association
Consumer Bankers Association
Convenience Distribution Association
Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce (FL)
Council for Citizens Against Government Waste
Covington County Chamber of Commerce (MS)
Crowley Chamber of Commerce (LA)
Davis Chamber of Commerce (UT)
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce (OH)
Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce (GA)
Edison Electric Institute (EEI)
Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce (OK)
Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce (IL)
Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance
Entertainment Software Association
Financial Services Forum
Florida Chamber of Commerce
Florida Retail Federation
Food Marketing Institute
Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce (WI)
Gas and Welding Distributors Association
Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Retail Federation
Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association & Film Commission (CO)
Granbury Chamber of Commerce (TX)
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce (MI)
Greater Bakersfield Chamber (CA)
Greater Cedar Valley Alliance & Chamber (IA)
Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce (CA)
Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce (TX)
Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce (AZ)
Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce (AK)

Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce (PA)
Greater Louisville Inc. (KY)
Greater North Dakota Chamber
Greater Oklahoma City Chamber (OK)
Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce (AZ)
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce (PA)
Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce (LA)
Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce (VA)
Greater Toms River Chamber of Commerce (NJ)
Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce (WA)
Grocery Manufacturers Association
Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce (NE)
Heating, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI)
Henderson Chamber of Commerce (NV)
Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce (OH)
Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce (OR)
Home Furnishings Association
Illinois Chamber of Commerce
Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America
Independent Office Products & Furniture Dealers Alliance
Independent Petroleum Association of America
Indiana Chamber of Commerce
International Foodservice Distributors Association
International Warehouse Logistics Association
Iowa Chamber Alliance
Irrigation Association
ISSA, The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association
Jefferson Chamber of Commerce (LA)
Jenkins County Chamber of Commerce (GA)
Job Creators Network

Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County TN Chamber
Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MO)
Kalispell Chamber of Commerce (MT)
Kansas Chamber of Commerce
Kingsport Chamber (TN)
Kyndle (Henderson County KY Chamber of Commerce)
Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce (AZ)
Lancaster Chamber (PA)
Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce (NV)
Lemont Chamber of Commerce (IL)
Lima Allen County Chamber of Commerce (OH)
Little Rock Regional Chamber (AR)
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce (CA)
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
Manufactured Housing Institute
McLean County Chamber of Commerce (IL)
Metals Service Center Institute
Metro South Chamber of Commerce (MA)
Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce (WI)
Michigan Retailers Association
Minnesota Retailers Association
Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Monroe Chamber of Commerce (LA)
Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce (AL)
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association
Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce (SC)
National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies

National Association of Professional Employer Organizations
National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts
National Association of the Remodeling Industry
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Beer Wholesalers Association
National Black Chamber of Commerce
National Club Association
National Council of Chain Restaurants
National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)
National Grocers Association
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Office Products Alliance
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Restaurant Association
National Retail Federation
National Roofing Contractors Association
National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Nebraska Retail Federation
NFIB - National Federation of Independent Business
North Carolina Chamber
North Country Chamber of Commerce (NY)
North Dakota Retail Association
North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce (RI)
North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce (SC)
North Orange County Chamber (CA)
North San Antonio Chamber (TX)
Office Furniture Dealers Alliance
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Council of Retail Merchants
Oklahoma Retail Merchants Association
Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce (WI)
Oxnard Chamber of Commerce (CA)
PA Chamber of Business and Industry

Pennsylvania Retailers Association
Plano Chamber of Commerce (TX)
Portland Cement Association
Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce (AL)
Precious Metals Association of North America
Professional Beauty Association
Reforming America's Taxes Equitability (RATE) Coalition
Reno+Sparks Chamber of Commerce (NV)
Retail Association of Nevada
Retail Association of New Mexico
Retail Council of New York State
Retail Industry Leaders Association
Retailers Association of Massachusetts
Richardson Chamber of Commerce (TX)
River Heights Chamber of Commerce (MN)
S Corporation Association
Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce (CA)
Salt Lake Chamber (UT)
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce (CA)
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (CA)
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce (PA)
Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association
Service Station Dealers of America and Allied Trades (SSDA-AT)
Silver City Grant County Chamber of Commerce (NM)
South Summit Chamber of Commerce (OH)
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
Southwest Indiana Chamber
St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce (MN)
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce
State Chamber of Oklahoma
Steel Manufacturers Association
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce (FL)
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Texas Retailers Association	Tucson Metro Chamber (AZ)
The Chamber of Commerce of the Santa Barbara Region (CA)	Tulsa Regional Chamber (OK)
The Chamber of Medford/Jackson County (OR)	U.S. Chamber of Commerce
The Chamber Grand Forks/East Grand Forks (ND)	Union County Chamber of Commerce
The Fertilizer Institute	United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce (TX)
The Financial Services Roundtable	USTelecom - The Broadband Association
The Kentucky Chamber	Utah Food Industry Association
The Longview Chamber of Commerce (TX)	Utah Retail Merchants Association
The Ohio Society of CPAs	Virginia Chamber of Commerce
The Real Estate Roundtable	Virginia Small Business Partnership
Tile Roofing Institute	West Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce (LA)
Tioga County Chamber of Commerce (NY)	Wholesalers Association of the Northeast (WANE)
Tire Industry Association (TIA)	Window and Door Manufacturers Association
Truck Renting and Leasing Association	
Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce	
WMDA/CAR Service Station and Automotive Repair Association	



U.S. Chamber of Commerce

U.S. Chamber Welcomes Tax Reform Framework

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 - 11:00am

Donohue: Work Quickly to Pass Budget Resolution, Unlock the Potential of Pro-Growth Tax Reform

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Thomas J. Donohue issued the following statement today regarding the tax reform framework released by Republican congressional leadership and the Trump administration:

“Today’s announcement is good news for American families and employers. Tax reform will help families who are struggling to make ends meet and employers who want to grow their business and create new jobs. The U.S. Chamber is pleased to see consensus among Congressional leaders and the administration on a plan that will kick-start long overdue reform.

“Now, we are entering into a crucial new phase of the effort to overhaul the tax code, and the hardest work is just beginning. The business community will engage throughout the process as lawmakers work through the hard decisions ahead and craft a tax system that improves competitiveness, spurs job creation, and promises higher wages for American workers.

“Congress must work quickly to pass a budget resolution to advance the process without delay. In our view, failure is simply not an option. The competitiveness of American workers and businesses —and a stronger economy — depend on pro-growth tax reform.”

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady will visit the U.S. Chamber tomorrow, September 28, to discuss the implications of the tax reform plan for America’s job creators and workers.

The U.S. Chamber will judge any tax reform package on whether it improves economic growth; its principles for pro-growth tax reform can be viewed [here](#).

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KEY VOTE ***ALERT!***

October 2, 2017



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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce strongly supports H. Con. Res. 71, the budget resolution for fiscal year 2018 and associated reconciliation instructions. **The Chamber will include votes on, or in relation to, this legislation in our annual *How They Voted* scorecard.**

This budget resolution takes on substantial importance because it is necessary to clear the path for pro-growth, comprehensive tax reform.

Make no mistake, the consequences are great. Failing to pass an FY18 budget would extinguish this once-in-a-generation opportunity to simplify the arcane tax code and thereby help families who are struggling to make ends meet, help employers create jobs, increase American competitiveness, and foster strong, sustained economic growth.

Congress must pass H. Con. Res. 71 with reconciliation instructions that will unlock pro-growth tax reform, and the Chamber urges you to support H. Con. Res. 71.

Sincerely,

Suzanne P. Clark
Senior Executive Vice President
Government Affairs



September 27th, 2017

‘Big Six’ Framework Shows Positive Momentum for Tax Reform

Washington — Business Roundtable today issued the following statement regarding the release of the “Big Six” Unified Tax Reform Framework, which includes key elements for economic growth – a globally competitive corporate tax rate of 20 percent and a shift toward a territorial tax system:

Jamie Dimon, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Chairman of Business Roundtable:

“Today’s announcement is an encouraging step forward in our shared goal of a tax system that delivers higher economic growth, job creation and wages that our country desperately needs. Congress must act with urgency on this framework and move the legislative process forward. Congress and the Administration are committed to tax reform, and business leaders are equally committed to pushing beyond our parochial interests to achieve a result that benefits the economy and American workers.”

Mark A. Weinberger, Global Chairman and CEO of EY and Chair of the Business Roundtable Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee:

“It’s crunch time for Congress. The unified framework provides the necessary elements to create jobs and growth: competitive tax rates for businesses, a more competitive international tax system that would not punish businesses for bringing foreign earnings to the United States and middle class tax relief. Congress needs to preserve these elements and fill in the details quickly so the proposals can become law by year’s end. This will provide greater certainty and allow businesses to increase investment in workers and capital equipment and grow the economy.”

Joshua Bolten, President & CEO of Business Roundtable:

“The ‘Big Six’ framework, including a globally competitive rate and a shift toward a territorial system, is an important step in the process and we need to keep the momentum building. The immediate task at hand is to act on a budget resolution that can make tax reform possible.”

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Statement on Tax Reform from the Coalition for Fair Effective Tax Rates

September 27, 2017

“The Coalition for Fair Effective Tax Rates commends Republican leaders in Congress and the Trump administration for producing a bold framework for real tax reform. We believe the plan makes major strides toward accomplishing an important goal: Creating a more level playing field for businesses of all sizes across all industry sectors. Lawmakers should continue the process and draft comprehensive tax reform legislation that treats businesses much more equally than the currently unfair system. Businesses should not be subject to vastly different effective tax rates when they earn roughly the same amount of money. To that end, we urge policymakers to view tax reform through the lens of effective tax rates, the amount businesses actually pay in taxes expressed as a percentage of income.

“We are very eager to see this process go forward quickly and encourage Congress to adopt a budget resolution so that can happen.”

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
WHOLESALE-DEALERS

PRESS RELEASE

*For Immediate Release
September 27, 2017*

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Wholesaler-Distributors Urge Action on Tax Reform

Washington, DC (September 27, 2017) ... “We have been waiting for this a very, very long time,” said Dirk Van Dongen, President of the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors (NAW).

“Our industry has one of the highest effective tax rates of any industry sector, and the overwhelming majority of our members are pass-through businesses, so tax reform that levels the playing field while reducing our non-competitive tax rates for all business types and sizes is welcome and long overdue.

“We commend the House and Senate leadership, the Chairs of the tax-writing committees, and the Administration for advancing a bold framework for real tax reform.”

“We look forward to seeing the details as tax reform legislation is developed, and understand that the process cannot move forward until both houses of Congress approve budget resolutions. We urge the House and Senate to move swiftly to adopt their budgets so that tax reform can proceed without unnecessary delay,” said Jade West, NAW Senior Vice President of Government Relations.

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The National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors (NAW) is the “national voice of wholesale distribution,” an association comprised of employers of all sizes, and national, regional, state and local line-of-trade associations spanning the \$5.6 trillion wholesale distribution industry that employs more than 5.9 million workers in the United States. Approximately 40,000 enterprises with places of business in all 50 states and the District of Columbia are affiliated with NAW.



September 27, 2017

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of Koch Companies Public Sector, I write to thank congressional Republicans and administration officials for releasing an encouraging pro-growth framework for comprehensive tax reform.

Today's announcement is an important milestone as you work to unrig a complex tax code that benefits special interests at the expense of most Americans. While there is more to be done, this framework for a simpler, more transparent system will boost economic growth by lowering rates. The outline released today is evidence that Congress is on the right track.

The immediate next step is clear, and critical: The Senate and House must expeditiously pass a budget resolution that will allow this framework to take legislative form and reach the president's desk. Getting this accomplished for the American people will take courage and cooperation, but after more than three decades, the time for a tax code rewrite is long overdue.

To that end, we encourage policymakers to remove corporate welfare provisions from the code. Wherever possible, loopholes, deductions, exemptions and other handouts should disappear. We maintain that cutting rates is the most reliable pathway to growth.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to unrig what is increasingly a two-tiered society and to restore a free-market system that enables Americans to flourish.

We thank Senate and House leadership, and administration officials, for their continuing efforts, and we encourage all lawmakers to join them in support of this framework and to advance a budget resolution in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Philip Ellender', with a stylized, cursive script.

Philip Ellender
President, Government & Public Affairs
Koch Companies Public Sector, LLC